

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER
DISASTER SITE LITIGATION

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
APPOINTING SPECIAL MASTERS

21 MC 100 (AKH)

ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN, U.S.D.J.:

I. Order Appointing Special Masters

1. Pursuant to my authority under Rule 53, Fed. R. Civ. P., and my inherent power to seek assistance in order to administer the cases before me efficiently, economically, and in the interests of justice, I appoint as special masters to assist me in the administration of this litigation Dean Aaron D. Twerski of New York City, New York, and Professor James A. Henderson, Jr. of Ithaca, New York, effective immediately. Dean Twerski and Professor Henderson are outstanding academics with special expertise in the field of mass torts. Their curriculum vitae and affidavits stating that there are no grounds for disqualification under 28 U.S.C. § 455 are appended to this order. I find that their impartiality and competence to perform the tasks that will be described in this and subsequent orders cannot reasonably be questioned. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(a)(2); 28 U.S.C. § 455(a). The Special Masters hereby appointed are directed to proceed with all reasonable diligence to complete the tasks assigned by this order. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(b)(2).

The Special Masters are urgently needed. The thousands of cases before the Court that allege respiratory and other injuries suffered by workers performing the clean-up functions at the World Trade Center site and nearby locations in the aftermath of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes are individual cases, not a class action. Each plaintiff bears the burden of establishing facts particular to his or her claims—facts that must be alleged and proved. The multitude of plaintiffs in this consolidated litigation presents a field of facts too vast to be addressed effectively and timely by me, or

by a magistrate judge of the district court. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(a)(1)(C). The Special Masters will create intelligent and informative categories to enable cases to be considered efficiently and according to their particularized facts, ensuring that each case receives the individual treatment it deserves, while enabling the parties to value the claims and defenses, make appropriate motions, conduct relevant discovery, and organize trials. The purpose of the Special Masters' involvement is not to resolve disputed issues of fact or law, but to monitor compliance with court orders, and help organize the cases to facilitate their efficient and just progress. Without their help, neither plaintiffs nor defendants will be able to organize and present the facts and issues, delaying justice, and perhaps denying it entirely.

2. The first task of the Special Masters is to create a complete and official list of the cases that have been filed and the extent of the compliance of those filings with prior orders of this Court. Counsel, in reporting to the Court, have been unable to agree as to the number of cases that have been removed from the New York Supreme Court, their identities, or whether multiple plaintiffs in single cases have been eliminated. The Special Masters will create an undisputed list, and report to the Court those cases that fail in their captions and pleadings to comply with court orders. The Court has also ordered the parties to identify specifically various particulars of the individual cases: where the plaintiffs worked, in which quadrant of the World Trade Center site, for which contractors, at which times, and describing the injuries complained of. The Court has asked the parties to establish a database, accessible to all the appropriate parties, to manage these particulars. The Special Masters will assure compliance with such orders, and recommend their enlargement to comprehend additional, critical information. The Special Masters will collaborate with the parties to accomplish these tasks speedily, justly, and efficiently.

3. In the performance of their duties, the Special Masters shall observe the Code of Conduct for United States Judges insofar as it applies to them. See In re New York City Asbestos

Litig., 737 F. Supp. 735 (E. & S.D.N.Y. 1990) (Weinstein, J.) (“In general a special master or referee should be considered a judge for purposes of judicial ethics rules.”) (citing Code of Judicial Conduct for United States Judges, 69 F.R.D. 273, 286 (1975)). In particular, the Special Masters may not communicate ex parte with any witness or party to this litigation. The Special Masters shall meet with liaison counsel for each side, and it will be the responsibility of liaison counsel to convene any others who have an interest in the proceeding or the information to be disclosed, without causing delay. In order to advise the Court with regard to the development of the projects entrusted to them, however, and to facilitate free interchange of suggestions with the Court, the Special Masters may communicate ex parte with the Court.

4. To accomplish the tasks assigned by this Order, the Special Masters may require additional assistance, and towards that end they may apply to the Court, on notice to the parties, for appointment of medical and computer experts to create proper categories for cases and a database application to manage them. In addition, the Court authorizes the Special Masters to assign tasks to students working under their supervision, provided that such tasks can be accomplished impartially and without significant discretion. Students will not be required to file affidavits pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455.

5. The Special Masters shall file monthly a report describing their activities, to be available as a public record, beginning on February 1, 2007, and on the first day of each month thereafter. The parties may file objections within 30 calendar days of filing. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(g)(2). The Court shall consider any such objections, and issue a ruling, if appropriate. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(g).

6. The cost and expenses of the Special Masters’ services shall be divided equally between the plaintiffs and the defendants, with plaintiffs bearing half the cost and defendants bearing

half the cost. Plaintiffs and defendants shall agree upon a further allocation of each side's half share among themselves. The Special Masters will bill the parties at a rate of \$500 per hour, and for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their assigned duties. Work by students shall be billed at the rate of \$25 per hour. On the first day of each month, the Masters shall file and serve on liaison counsel a joint invoice, describing their services and expenses with reasonable detail, and avoiding unreasonable duplication of labor.

7. I find that the appointment of the Special Masters will materially advance the litigation and reduce costs over the run of many cases. Therefore, the imposition of the associated costs on the parties is fair. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(a)(3). In addition, the Court will protect against unreasonable expense or delay by regular communication with the Special Masters and liaison counsel. See id.

II. Response to Parties' Objections to the Appointment of the Special Masters

On October 17, 2006, I solicited the input of all counsel concerning the prospective appointment of a special master in accordance with Rule 53(b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Order Suggesting a Special Master for Further Proceedings. I received and considered the parties' input by their joint submission to the Court dated October 31, 2006, and at status conferences on November 3, 2006 and November 28, 2006. The parties were unable to agree on whether a special master was necessary, how to select a master, or what the qualifications of that master should be. In the absence of consensus, I circulated a draft order appointing Dean Aaron D. Twerski and Professor James A. Henderson, Jr., as special masters prior to the conference on November 28, 2006, for discussion at the conference and in connection with the more extensive submissions in their joint letter dated December 8, 2006, presenting their respective positions. Having conferred with the parties a second time and received their views in two separate written submissions

to the Court, there is no reason to delay further the appointment of special masters, and I do so notwithstanding their varying objections.

A. Plaintiffs' Objections

Plaintiffs agree that the appointment of a special master is needed, but object to the appointments of Dean Twerski and Professor Henderson to that position. Plaintiffs argue that the previous writings of Dean Twerski and Professor Henderson disqualify them from functioning as Special Masters. The arguments are without merit. Professor Henderson's criticisms of "aggregative torts" do not apply to the cases before me. See James A. Henderson, Jr., The Lawlessness of Aggregative Torts, 34 HOFSTRA L. REV. 329, 330 (2005). The cases before me are individual cases, not class actions, or "aggregative torts" as defined by Professor Henderson, and must be separately alleged and proved according to law.

The professors' critique of claims for medical monitoring and mental distress by plaintiffs exposed to asbestos similarly is irrelevant. See James A. Henderson Jr. & Aaron D. Twerski, Asbestos Litigation Gone Mad: Exposure-Based Recovery for Increased Risk, Mental Distress, and Medical Monitoring, 53 S.C. L. REV. 815 (2002). By my Summary Order of June 27, 2006, I ordered plaintiffs to remove counts for medical monitoring and fear of cancer in their master complaint. See In re World Trade Ctr. Disaster Site Litig., ___ F. Supp. 2d ___, 2006 WL 2948819 at *17 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 17, 2006) (recounting procedural history of plaintiffs' complaints). Prayer for such relief may perhaps be considered as equitable remedies, if causes of action are otherwise proved and if the remedies are held to be appropriate and in accordance with the law. They do not constitute independent causes of action.

I stress that if value judgments are to be made, the Court will make them, on notice and with opportunity of the parties to object. The judicial function belongs to the Court, and not to anyone

else. The appointment of Special Masters will not change the Court's practices or responsibilities. See Rios v. Enterprise Assoc. Steamfitters Local Union 638 of U.A., 860 F.2d 1168, 1175 (2d Cir. 1988) ("It is primarily up to the district court to control the master and to evaluate his conclusions."). In sum, the writings of Professor Henderson and Dean Twerski, whose high academic quality is acknowledged by the parties, relate to the actions and proceedings about which they write, and not to the cases, parties, and attorneys in the cases over which I preside.

B. Defendants' Objections

Defendants object to the appointment of special masters on the ground that their appointment is premature, and to proposed provisions of the draft order. Their objection to the appointment is overruled, and I find that the timing is appropriate. To the extent that defendants' purpose in objecting is based on their quest for immediate appeal of my Opinion and Order considering various immunity defenses, In re World Trade Ctr. Disaster Site Litig., ___ F. Supp. 2d ___, 2006 WL 2948819, supra, their objection is irrelevant to the issues resolved by that Order.

Defendants also object to my proposal to permit ex parte contact between the Special Masters and the parties; this objection is accepted, and no ex parte communication between the Special Masters and the parties is allowed.

Defendants' objection to ex parte conversations between the Special Masters and the Court is overruled. There is no risk that the Court will obtain "personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts" through the Special Masters, for that is not their function. See In re Brooks, 383 F.3d 1036, 1043 (D.C. Cir. 2004); Edgar v. K. L., 93 F.3d 256, 258 (7th Cir. 1996). This is not a case where the appointed master has unqualified ex parte access to parties, third parties, and witnesses, such that his role is like that of a private investigator. See Edgar, 93 F.3d at 259 ("Instead of [investigating] himself, [the] judge appointed agents, who made a private report of how they investigated and what

they learned.”); see also Cobell v. Norton, 383 F.3d 1128, 1142 (D.C. Cir. 2003) (finding that appointed Monitor “was charged with an investigative, quasi-inquisitorial, quasi-prosecutorial role that is unknown to our adversarial legal system”). Here, by contrast, any communication between the Special Masters and a party will occur in full view of the other parties. I find no case, and the parties have not cited one, forbidding the Court from communicating *ex parte* with its appointed agents, so long as those agents do not give the Court “personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts.”

In their objection, defendants quote the advisory notes to Rule 53 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which warns that “[e]x parte communications between a master and the court present troubling questions.” The drafters of Rule 53 also advise, however, that “there may be circumstances in which the master’s role is enhanced by the opportunity for *ex parte* communications” such as the coordination of multiple proceedings or other logistical matters. The drafters further advise that Rule 53 does not directly regulate *ex parte* contact with parties or the district court; instead, it “requires only that the court exercise its discretion and address the topic in its order of appointment.” See Fed. R. Civ. P. 53, Advisory Comm. Notes, 2003 Amendments. Having considered the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, relevant case law, the needs of this litigation, and the tasks assigned to the Special Masters, I find that *ex parte* contact between the Masters and the Court is appropriate and beneficial to all involved.

Defendants ask the Court to augment its description of tasks assigned to the Special Masters such as would require a more complete description of the injuries alleged by plaintiffs. Defendant suggests that, in addition to other facts related to these cases, plaintiffs should provide “the date of onset of those injuries; and the date those injuries allegedly were first connected to work related to the WTC rescue, recovery, and debris removal operations.” These ideas should be considered by the Special Masters with plaintiffs’ and defendants’ liaison counsel.

Both plaintiffs and defendants equally are benefited by full disclosure in an automated and accessible system, for all the reasons causing me to appoint Special Masters, and I anticipate that the Special Masters will be able to proceed by consensus.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 12, 2006
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alvin K. Hellerstein', written over a horizontal line.

ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN
United States District Judge

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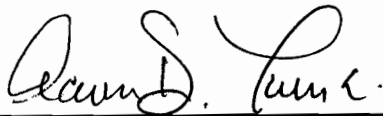
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Aaron D. Twerski, affirms according to law, the following:

1. I am an attorney at law, duly licensed to practice law in the State of New York since 1977 (2nd Department).

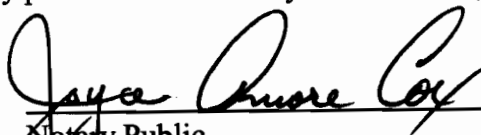
2. I have thoroughly familiarized myself with the issues involved in the litigation captioned In Re World Trade Center Disaster Site Litigation, 21 MC 100 (AKH). As a result of my knowledge of that case, I can attest and affirm that there are no non-disclosed grounds for disqualification under 28 U.S.C. §455 that would prevent me from serving as the Special Master in the captioned matter.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



Aaron D. Twerski

Affirmed to before me and subscribed in my presence this 12th day of December, 2006.



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Student Editor Marquette Law Review for 1964-65
Appointed by President of Marquette University to
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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Dean and Professor of Law Hofstra University School of Law, June 2005 to present.

Professor of Law Brooklyn Law School, Sept. 1986 to May 2005.
Appointed Newell DeValpine Professor of Law September 1996.

Professor of Law Hofstra University School of Law, 1972-86
Interim Dean 1977-78 and Associate Dean 1975-77 of Hofstra University School of Law

Professor of Law Duquesne University School of Law,
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Visiting Professor Cornell Law School, Spring 1976;
Boston University, 1982; University of Michigan, 1984

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Trial Attorney with the United States Department of
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Honorary, Doctor of Laws, Touro College, May, 2004

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Association of American Law Schools Round Table on the Conflict of Laws (1973)

Association of American Law Schools Round Table on Product Liability (1980)

Senior Research Associate - Carnegie Institute of Technology at Carnegie Mellon University (1974-78)

Chairman - Commission on Legislation and Civic Action Agudas Israel (1979 to present)

Member, Board of Trustees, Maimonides Hospital, Brooklyn, New York (1995 - to present)

Chairman, Mishkon Community Board (1991 - to present)

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. HENDERSON, JR.
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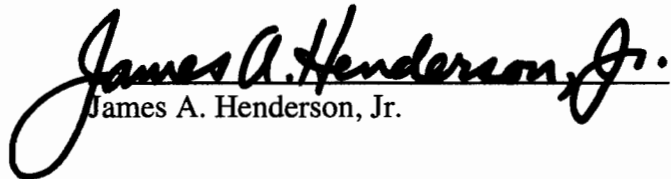
James A. Henderson, Jr., being first duly sworn according to law, states the following:

1. I am an attorney at law, duly licensed to practice law in the States of Florida and Massachusetts. My bar admissions are as follows:

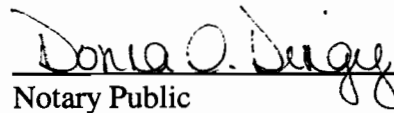
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FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


James A. Henderson, Jr.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 30th day of November, 2006.


Notary Public

DONNA A. DINGY
Notary Public, State of New York
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April 30, 2007

RESUME

March 8, 2006

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Limited practice while teaching, including appellate advocacy and serving as expert witness, since 1965

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